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BOWERY THEATRE, BOWOTY .- LIFE IN THE BACE.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC, Irving place.—THE IMPERIAL TROUPS OF JAPANESE ASSISTS IN THEIR WONDERFUL FRAME BROOKLYN ACADEMY OF MUSIC.-THE PRABL OF

SAN FRANCISCO MINSTREES, 355 Broadway, opposite the Metropolitau Hotel-Is there Ethiopian Exercises the Metropolitau Hotel-Is there Ethiopian Exercises, Openius and Burlesques, The Flying Score-Israell Japanese Though

ERLIT & LEON'S MINSTERLS, 729 Broadway, opposite the New York Hotel.—In Their Sowas, Danes, Eccies Frictives, Burlingues, &c.—Cinder-Leon—The Long an Shour Synthes—Lie Jars.

PIFTH AVENUE OPERA HOUSE, Nos. 2 and 4 West Twenty-fourth street.—Griffin & Christy's Minsyrrets.— Evidopian Minstreets, Ballade, Burlesques, &c.—The Bogus Japanere Jugglers.—The Statue Lover.

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EUROPE

The news report by the Atlantic cable is dated to noon yesterday, May 29. The land telegraph wires between Calain, Ma., and Heart's Content, N. F., ceased working early yesterday afternoon, and the communication not having been restored, we received no cable despatches from that hour to the time of the Herald going o press this morning.

The Spanish fleet in the Pacific is to be largely rein-

forced. The standing army of France is to be reduced. Consols rated at 94 for money in London at noon. Five-twenties were at 72% at the same hour.

The Liverpool cotton market was firm at noon, with middling uplands at elevenpence. Breadstuffe changed, Provisions firm.

THE CITY.

The Commissioners of Emigration met yesterday. The weekly statement of emigrants arrived shows the number during the present year to have been 82,802.

Considerable business was transacted at the meeting of the Fire Commissioners yesterday. A resolution was adopted inviting proposals for the establishment of new stations and for other purposes. The Commistee on Discipline presented a lengthy report, recommending certain rules of discipline for the use of the department.

The steamship Java carried out several Catholic clergy. men yesterday, on their way to Rome. Among the number was Bishop Wood, of Philadelphia, who carries, ons to the Pope, a silver model of

A match for one thousand dollars, mile heats, best three in five, to wagons, between Ethan Allen and run-ning mate, and Brown George and running mate, came off on the Fashion Course yesterday. Ethan Allen and his running mate won the first heat in 2:29; the second in 2:21; and the third, after a magnificent race, in the unprecedented time of 2:19. This time is the fastest on record in a race with running mates. In the case of the People ex rel. Rufus Hatch vs. A. I.

Pritchard, Treasurer of the Chicago and Northwestern Railway Company, Judge Sutherland yesterday granted an order for peremptory mandamus to compel the re-spondents to exhibibit to the relator the transfer books of the company. on case of Phillip Henrich was again up

before Judge Shipman in the United States Circuit Court yesterday. After a lengthy argument by counsel the Court adjourned till nine o'clock this morning, when the case will be continued.

In the United States Circuit Court yesterday, before Judge Shipman, John H. Foster was found guilty of a charge of forging an endorsement to a certificate of de-post for \$1,227, and remanded for sentence. Mary St. John, jointly indicted with Foster for the same offence, ed guilty, and was sentenced to six months' im-nment, with bard labor, on Blackwell's Island.

The divorce case of Eliza Bogert against James Boger was commenced in the Court of Common Pleas yester-day. The action is brought for limited divorce, on the ground of alleged cruel treatment.

The jury in the Second avenue arson case, being unable to agree, were yesterday discharged.

von Oterendorp, will sail from her pier at Hoboken at neon to-day (Thursday) for Bremen, touching at Southampton to land mails and passengers. The mails for the United Kingdom and the Continent will close at the Post Office at half-past ten A. M.

steamship Morro Castle, Captain Richard Adams. will sail at three P. M. to-day (Thursday) from pier No. 4 North river for Havana. The mails will close at the

The stock market was firm yesterday. Gold closed

The markets generally were very quiet yesterday, and prices for almost all commodities were nominally lower. Coffee was unchanged. Cotton was a shade firmer. On 'Change flour was dull and nominally 15c. a 25c. per bbl. lower. Wheat-Choice was firm, while the lower grades were 2c. a 3c. off. Corn closed dull and Oats were 1c. lower. Pork was scarcely so firm. Beef remained steady, and lard duil and heavy Preights were dull and nominal. Whiskey was un changed. Naval stores were dull and depressed. Petro loun was not essentially changed.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Merican intelligence comes by way of Vera Cruz on the 22d inst. and Havana on the 25th. Gen. Escobedo had officially communicated the news of the fall of the capture of Maximilian, Mejia Cartifle and the rest of his officers and garrison, to the general commanding the liberal forces in front of Vera Cruz. consul at Havana was, however, investing beavily in war material to be shipped to Vera Cruz. The brig Orizaba had, it was thought, already taken a large cargo of war material to that port, and a schooner had sailed earlier with three bundred men presumed to be recruits for the imperial army. Men are cruited daily, and agents receive two dollars for each manner of shipping them. In other respects the breach of neutrality is open and avowed. A small war steamer, called the Mosquito, in the imperial service, had sought refuge in Havana from the liberal cruisers on the coast Several imperial gunboats had been trans ferred to the liberal nevr. All the small yessels of the

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importal cary had been captured in a fight of San Fran-

cisco de Campeche. The commander of sloops was immediately ordered to-be shot. The Pacific Mail Company's steamer Color at Yokohama, Japan, on the 28th of April. The foreign ambassadors had gone to Osaca to attend the council amendadors had gone to Ocaca to attend the Council of Chiefs for the act-tionness of the hersin difficulties was salied for the 18th of April. The departure of the Ashuelot to investigate the reported murder of Americans at Formosa was confirmed. There was a panic in the rice market, which

ate Gerona and others of the fleet, had gone to Santa Martha, following the Asia, which carried the Spanis idmiral a few days previously. The tron-clad was expected to go. Their business is connected with the affairs of the steamer R R. Cuyler. The new system of taxation was producing general discontent throughout the island. Considerable trouble in connection therewith had occurred at Santiago, but of what nature is not known. The \$200,000 collected for establishing a new commetery had been ordered into the public treasury by be government. The smallpox was increasing and

there were many cases of vomito.

Advices from Hayti report that the newly appointed English Charge d'Affaires, Mr. Percy St John, had arrived on the 6th inst. He was advised by the French and Spanish representatives not to leave the vessel, as British man-of-war was sent for. He experienced no mand of the revolutionary army, and making use of despolic powers. The provisional government was dissolved on the 2d, and Salaave declared himself Protector, in the name of Soulouque, who was anxiously expected to take the reies of government on the invitation of the

The news from British Honduras is dated Belize. May 4. About thirty thousand acres of land had been bought up by American Southerners at fifty cents per acre for purposes of colonization. Nearly a hundred

From Porto Rico the dates are to the 7th inst. The

The sugar market was at a standstill. The people of Montana have taken the quelling of the Indian rebellion into their own hands, as far as their own neighborhood is concerned. Several volunteer uspices of Governor Meagher and started for the scene nation promises all volunteers the right of appr ing whatever they capture in the way of horses, arms threaten to sack and burn Helena and Virginia City. All way to meet the Commissioners at Fort Laramie, when it is believed the trouble in that section will be settled. niversary meeting at Boston yesterday, when the usual radical resolutions were adopted, one setting forth that feff Davis' release proves the South still triumphant. Wendell Phillips was the principal speaker. His points mainly referred to Horace Greeley, the Union League and the nomination of Grant for the Presidency. Sona-tor Wilson declined to make a speech. A couple of New Lebanon Shakers got married re-

cently, in open violation of all law and order as pro-pounded by that sect. Both the parties were young and had carried on a correspondence for some time, although they had never spoken to one another. The correspondence was discovered, however, and the young man was expelled, whereupon the young lady fled, rejoined her true love, and they were married according to the rites of the outer world. Considerable indigna-tion and excitement exists in consequence among the

An unknown individual, who claimed to be a United An unknown individual, who claimed to be a United States Marshal under the orders of General Popo, addressed a public meeting in Taliaposes, Ala., on the 20th inst., in the meet obscome and insulting language, cursing and defying the white citizens present, and inciting the negroes in a most outrageous manner. No rice occurred, however, and the individual rode away from

town with the mane and tall of his horse shorn close.

Joseph H. Jackson, a prominent lawyer of Poughke
sie, while walking with his wife, was shot down by own son recently in that city, and is now in a very pre-carious condition. The young man who did the shooting is insane and had escaped from the Utlea Lunatic

opera in Chicago, and the newspapers there are enjoying a hearty laugh in consequence at the expense of
certain operatic managers in New York who complained
of that city's impecuniosity.

The iron-clad Stonewall, formerly a rebel cruiser of
Engitsh build, has been sold to the Japanese government

foronto, whence he will probably go to St. Catharines Senators Wade, Cresswell, Mr. Covode and others are about starting on an excursion from Cleveland, Ohio, to aha and over the Union Pacific Railroad.

United States for the quarter ending March 31 shows the total receipts to have been \$239,241,854, and the total expenditures \$232,741,062.

General Schofield has issued an order appoints

military commissioners to the jurisdiction of sub-dis-tricts in Virginia for the purpose of aiding the civil authorities with their presence and troops. They are also given the command of the police forces in their reustices of the county.

Orloans have appealed to the Secretary of the Treasu against the appointment of a receiver, and petition to be allowed to resume business.

Jacob Barker's depositors held a meeting in New Or-

cans yesterday, and appointed a committee to wait upon him for permisson to examine his accounts. The solice have been guarding his house for feer of an attack

Roxbury, Mass , is to be annexed to Boston. It is supposed that President Johnson will leave for Raleigh on Saturday. Chief Justice Chase will be there bout the same time.

Several colored orators from the North and West propose making a political tour through the Souther A party of Eastern capitalists have offered the sum of

Council Bluffs Railroad. A clergyman in Erie. Pa . was arrested vesterday on a

charge of embezzling \$15,000 worth of revenue stamps.

The Eastern Question. The projected marriage of the daughter of

the Grand Duke Constantine to the King of Greece is a very significant circumstance. All the world knows that Russia has been giving moral support to the Candian insurgents; but it was done in a way to avoid calling upon herself diplomatic remonstrances. Now that it has become evident that the people of that island can hold their own, and that the movement is likely to be participated in by other Christian populations subject to the Porte, she casts side all reserve. This projected alliance between the reigning families of the two countries is a declaration to the world that, in the event of the Turks invading Greece, Russia means to make its cause her own. It will be the first step towards the realization of the policy which she has steadily kept in view since the time of Peter the Great. The remonstrance addressed to the Porte in regard to Crete was, it was asserted, merely preliminary to active intervention on the part of the great Powers. Russia will lead the way by establishing, in right of this marriage, her claims to be first in the field. Once she takes up arms for the settlement of this and other questions arising out of the incapacity of the Sultan to protect his Christian subjects, it will be long before she lays them down again. A war in defence of the Greeks would be the most popular commencement she could make towards the accomplishment of her designs upon Constantinople. There is no longer any doubt of her purpose in this regard. Royal marriages are 'like the straws which indicate the direction of the political current

lock's Orndities

Secretary McCuiloch is incurably wedded to his financial theories, although they have proved impracticable, and he is compelled to bandon them in practice. He not only does not learn anything by experience, but he be-comes more confused and incapable. Yet he never losos an opportunity to ventilate his rude notions about our finances and the currency. His last performance in this way is een in a letter to some citizens of Boston in reply to an invitation to a complimentary public dinner tendered to him.

It will be remembered that the Secretary, in his Fort Wayne speech, and on other occasions, spoke strongly in favor of a resumption of specie payments and a contraction of the currency to bring that about at an early day. In his reports to Congress he recommended this policy, and that body, acting upon his recommendation, passed an act authorizing him to contract the currency by withdrawing legal tenders from circulation. He used authority conferred for a time, and proceeded in withdrawing the national currency from circulation till be saw that the effect was proving disastrous in checking the industry of the country and in reducing the income of the government. Now he confesses that he is compelled to suspend con-traction and is not withdrawing any longer the United States notes from circulation. Still, he talks about resumption as pertinaciously as ever, notwithstanding this inconsistency be tween his theory and practice. He now thinks curtailment of the circulating notes must be governed by the condition of the country and of the Treasury. The condition of the country and of the Treasury tells him he must not curtail the currency, and his on-to-specie-payment theory is scattered to the winds. He yields the point we have been contending for all along—that contraction would be ruinous to the industry, business and revenue of the

country. in misleading the public by talking impracticable nonsense? The argument he endeavors to make in his Boston letter is a piece of weak special pleading to cover up his inconsistency. It shows that he is unfit to manage the finances of this great country, especially at such a critical time. He says the majority of the members of Congress last winter were opposed to contraction, and therefore he does not wish to place himself in opposition to them. He does not wish to produce a panie in the commercial cities, as there are anxious forebodings of financial troubles. He admits that it would not be prudent to contract, as there are large amounts of interest-bearing notes to be paid and converted within the present and next fiscal year. And he thinks the failure of the crops and other circumstances may seriously affect business, so that it is "important the public mind should not be diverted by the criticisms and complaints of those opposed to This last part of his argument is ambiguous; but it is enough to know that he deems any

further contraction upsale. What Mr. McCulloch says about the increased and enormous burdens upon the government from the donations or bounties to soldiers, the Indian war, the lavish appropriations of Con-gress, the expenses and condition of the South, the large issues of bonds to the Pacific Railroad, and other reckless and extravagant demands Congress has imposed upon the Treaury, is worthy of serious consideration. He thinks that with these burdens and a reduced evenue any further reduction of the national debt at present must not be expected. Indeed, be believes a temporary increase of the debt is unavoidable. Such is the condition to which a reckless and extravagant Congress and incompetent management of the national finances a short time ago, with a country immensely wealthy and teeming with productions, and with an active, industrious population of thirtyfive millions, we are now told that the revenue will be deficient and the public debt increased. This is humiliating to the country and a disgrace to those who have had the management of affairs. A day of reckoning will come, and that before long, when the people will call to account our radical Congress and all who have contributed in bringing the republic to such a

It is a singular coincidence that at the same time Mr. McCulloch's letter appeared in the HERALD we received and published a debate in the British Parliament, where this very subject of our financial condition was discussed. The speakers, while paying a just tribute to our wonderful resources and the vigor and industry of our people, seemed to anticinate the state of things revealed by Mr. McCulloch. They however, did not comprehend the question of our currency, and how tampering with that is one of the causes of our present financial situation. We publish to-day, in another part of the paper, an article much more to the point. The writer shows by historical facts and analogies and by sound argument that to bave an easy and a sufficient currency is the only way to stimulate industry and production, to furnish an ample revenue and to pay off the national debt. These are the views of a statesman ; the views and conduct of our politician and public officers are pettifogging and ruinous. If we would escape terrible national embarrassment and disasters, we must retrace our steps, practise economy, and let the legal tender currency of the country alone.

The Excise Law-Equal Justice.

The letter which we published yesterday on he operation of the present Excise law has attracted a good deal of attention. No argument that has as yet been put forth on the sub ject exposes more clearly the fallacies by which it is sustained. Any law that presses nequally upon the community must be garded as essentially unjust. That is not fair legislation which interferes with one man's liberty of enjoyment while it protects another's. The Excise law goes as far as possible in both directions. It permits people of means, who can lay in stocks of wine and spirits, to freely indulge in their use at any time; but it prevents the poor, who can only procure them by resorting to a liquor store, from obtaining them after certain hours on week days or on the Sanday. This is not just, neither is it politic. We all know how people are apt to resent anything which exhibits even a semblance of unfairness. We believe that the present Excise law will, from this feeling alone, make more drunkards than it will ours. In Massach we have had abundant evidence of the effect of | ment." This is an honest admission that the

National Pinauces-Secretary McCul- such stringent measures. With but very few exceptions the clergy and medical faculty of that State, who formerly advocated them so strenuously, are now of opinion that they have done more harm than good, and that the license system, rationally carried out, is the only effective means of combating the evil. Of course our legislators will come to the same conclusion by and by; but in the meantime they are working irreparable mischief to the peace and welfare of families.

Reconstructing Robols and Political Parties

Through Financial Operations. The late developments concerning the First National Bank of New Orleans show that some of the chief rebels have taken a very effective plan of reconstructing themselves and laying the foundation for controlling political affairs in the South. Money, it is said, constitutes the sinews of war. Politicians know it is no less nessary and powerful in building up and managing political parties. It appears that Beauregard, Longstreet and some other rebel generals and chiefs down in Louisiana have been doing a smart business in the way of financiering, for the purpose of restoring both their broken for-tunes and political power. While we thought these gentlemen had modestly retired from view, cultivating corn or potato patches with which to eke out a lowly existence, they have been quietly working on a grand scale; while we supposed they were laying back, till future years should afford them opportunities for exercising their talents on a large scale, they have been earnestly but silently at work, "redeeming the time."

The First National Bank of New Orleans was a great institution, plethoric with currency and the funds of the United States. Making a great deal of money, doubtless, through the extraordinary privileges which Congress has given these national banking institutions, and feeling secure with the large government deposits in its coffers, it felt generously disposed toward the fallen rebel chiefs. It loaned large sums all round-to one forty thousand dollars, to another sixty thousand, and so on, with a lavish hand. We do not know whether the accommodating bank managers are Northern men, but we can very well imagine how they became captivated and carried away by the well known elegant and winning manners of these educated and accomplished ex-rebel officers. Looking to the future when these gentlemen may become again a have followed the example of the cunning steward spoken of in the Gospels. They might have told one to write down forty thousand dollars, another sixty thousand dollars, and so on, for the purpose of laying up treasure, political or otherwise, for the future. At any rate, the ex-rebel generals got the money which, no doubt, has done a good deal in reconstructing them and in giving them political power. They need not care particularly about being disfranchised for a time by the acts of Congress; money will control the votes of

The government will have the satisfaction of knowing that its funds have contributed to this effective mode of reconstructing the rebel chiefs. A great deal of money is being spent in other ways to reconstruct the South, particularly to reconstruct the negroes into voting citizens. Why, then, should we complain if a portion has gone to leading white men of that section who therewith may help forward the work of reconstruction? True, the telegraph news agents at New Orleans keep repeating every day the assertion that the government will not lose anything by the failure of the First National Bank, though latterly they have qualified this assertion by saying "not to any great amount." With all respect to the statements of these very anxious press correspondents and those behind them, we think their anxiety to put the best face on the matter, and has a very suspicious look about i'. We rather think we shall hear before long that the government has lost a large amount. But, then, why complain, as we said? It has all gone in the way of reconstructing rebels and the South. But we should like to know if some one else—if a more astute financial and political

nanager than all these—had not something to do with this business, and if there is not at the bottom a deep political scheme. There is in New Orleans a remarkable man-a financial and political genius-a banker, too, who forty years ago, we remember, played a very extraordinary game in the politics of the country through a piece of adroit fluanciering. Jacob Barker was then, as he is now, doubtless, a master in the art of financiering and political management. He is in fact a more skilful politician than financier, but he does not know In 1826 he, with Prosper M. Wetmore, Henry Eckford and others in New York, entered into certain financial operations for a political object and to produce political results. It created great excitement at the time, and led to the trial and conviction of all the parties, except Weimore, who turned Slate's evidence against the rest. The decision of the court which tried the case in the first instance was reversed, however, when carried to a higher tribunal. The whole affair was political in its object and bearing-a democratic movement to operate upon parties and the approaching Presidential election, and it had a powerful influence in electing General Jackson in 1828.

Now we should like to know whether Jacob Barker, who has shown such remarkable genius in combining political with financial operations, and who has been a democrat of the old Southern school all bis life, has not had a hand in this affair between the First National Bank of New Orleans and the rebel generals. It is said that he had no business connection with this bank; but he is a banker in New Orleans, and bis own bank became involved in trouble about the time of the failure of the First National Bank. This is a singular coincidence, to say the least; and when we look at the character and history of Jacob Barker we cannot resist the impres sion that he has been acting behind the scenes and that there was some political motive and calculation in the financial reconstruction of so many of the prominent rebel leaders out of the funds of the First National Bank. We want light upon the subject. Let us have light upon ese singular transactions.

Lack of Discipline in the Pire Department. The Metropolitan Board of Fire Commis sioners, in reporting upon the case of a fireman named Carrigan, who was charged with "lying in bed and not turning out to three alarms, says it "exhibits another instance of the laxity of discipline which has crept into the depart-

come laints of the people in that respect have en will founded, and it now becomes the duty of the Board to so reorganize the department as to wender it unnecessary in the future to make such a umiliating admissions.

Return ot the Yacht Yesta,

The yacht Vesta, on e of the three competitors in the great ocean race last winter, is once again safe on this side of the Atlantic. She reached New York yesterday a 'orning, making the voyage from continent to continent in thirty-two days. Wherever she was a ecognized s she came up to her dock she was a ceived with a warm welcome, and every one see wed desirous of doing honor to the gullant lith. adventurer and congratulating her on her safe

We publish to-day an interesting account of her homeward voyage, with a copy of her log. It will be seen that she had no holiday sport. The winds and the waves, as if to punish her for her temerity, conspired to test her courage and endurance, and gave her a full share of rough handling. During the entire voyage, with the exception of a single day, she encountered head winds and heavy weather, and did not come out of the struggle without some "honorable scars," such as the loss of a foretopmast, a jibboom and a portion of her railing. Still, the boisterous weather did but serve to test her admirable seagoing qualities, and she reaches her home sound in every essential particular, and in just as good condition, it is said, "as if she had been only on a summer trip."

Although the time consumed in the return seems long, as compared with the run out. which was made by the Vesta in fourteen days, it was, nevertheless, a good voyage, when the weather is considered. Last winter she had a fair wind all the way across the Atlantic. Homeward bound she has had the wind ahead from shore to shore. As it is, she passed several vessels on her way, bound west, and some fourteen large ships, which started from England about the same time with the Vesta for New York, have not yet reached this port. On leaving the Isle Wight the Vesta had an impromptu brush with a yacht of some reputation, the Georgiana, owned by an Irish nobleman, and outsailed her easily; so the honor of the Stars and Stripes was well maintained to the last, and the American visitor left the British waters with flying colors. In the famous ocean race the Vesta proved berself a remarkably fast sailer, and the closeness of the contest took away all the sting of her defeat. In her voyage home she as established her reputation as a thoroughly seaworthy, reliable vessel, and has shown herself as good a traveller, comparatively, in rough weather as in fair. After her ocean experience her owner need not fear either to match her for speed in a friendly contest or to aunch ber forth upon a voyage round the

The Fenian Convicte in Iroland—Commutation

It must have been gratifying to many in this city, and, indeed, throughout the Union, who were totally destitute of Fenian sympathy, to learn from our special cable despate day that the extreme penalty of the law was not to be visited upon the Fenian convicts in Ireland. It is not to be denied that the British govern ment would have been justified-justified by the law itself, justified by precedent, justified by leniency formerly shown and by warning repeatedly given, justified even on the high ground of humanity itself—in carrying out the leath sentence. It is felt, however, by all, even by those who are most disgusted with Fenian folly, that they have acted well, even magnanimously, in commuting the death sentence to imprisonment for life. The shedding of blood could not have strengthened the hands of government, while the magnanimity they have Fenianism forever. The British government have made a clear gain by the course they have followed, and Fenianism has been more effectually crushed than if a hundred heads had dropped on the scaffold. We may hear more of Irish discontent and even of organized opposition to British rule on the island; but the discontent must assume a new form. and the opposition must come under a new name. It would require more true vitality than Fenianism has ever had to survive the three dreadful flascos which have been made

Our principal object, however, in reverting to this subject is to call attention to a characteristic of modern progress which the lenieucy now shown by the British government strikingly illustrates. The political agitator and revol tionist is not, in this age of public opinion, what he once was. He is at once less of a hero while he lives and less of a martyr when he dies. In communities where opinion is at all freely ventilated the conviction has become tolerably general that recourse to arms is neither the safest nor the most effective way of righting a wrong. Clinging to the now obsolete faith that the blood of martyrs is the seed of a cause, there are some vain enough to court martyrdom; but governments have become too considerate to gratify rashly such insensate folly. We ourselves have put down a gigantic rebellion; but we have not, since the rebellion was crushed out, madly called for blood. In this last instance the British government have but followed our example. They are strong enough to deal with political offenders without converting them into petty political martyrs. In proportion as public sentiment finds freer and fuller expression this mode of dealing with political offenders must become more and more the rule. We congratulate the British government on the conclusion at which they have arrived.

We are told that the Fenians are to invade Canada. Canada has just been declared a dominion and set up as a new nation, and is, or is soon to be, practically independent of Great Britain. How, then, is a Fenian invasion of Canada to affect Ireland? Ireland, if she suffers any terrible tyranny, suffers it from England; and how can the acts of England toward Ireland be changed by the invasion of territory on this side the Atlantic not subject to English rule, and, of course, not to be detended by English money and an English army? Would not a Fenian invasion of independent Canada, with a view to benefit Ireland, be the work of an Irish bull? Indeed, simple respect for the Irish intellect must force us to seek some other cause for this proposed invasion than the one put forth. Is it a gigantic cover for a system of wholegale smuggling?

The Liquor Dealors' Pronunciamies

The traffic in intoxicating drinks has always been a troublesome subject for Legislatures to handle. Drunkenness is a vice which every intelligent community deplores, and the abuses of the appelite of man have always been prolife sources of evil. At the same time no interference with those appetites beyond the point necessary for public safety, decency and morality will be patiently submitted to by a free people; and attempts on the part of fanat-ics to legislate mankind up to a particular standard have always proved failures. has never been in this State any popular objection to a fair and even stringent general Ex law; but special enactments for particular communities, and all total abstinence legislation, have invariably met with fleroe opposition. The New York Legislature, two assisting ago, passed an Excise law for the Metropoli-

tan Police district stone, distinct from the real of the State. The first object of the fre the law was to secure a fund from the license fees for the Board of Police Commi and to make political capital in this city for the dominant party in the State out of the control of the liquor business. The provisions of the act were quite stringent, and were especially offensive to the liquor dealers of New York and Brooklyn, because applicable only to them, and not to all the citizens of the State. Still, they were submitted to with remarkable patience, if with some grumbling, and the heavy license fees extorted from all who sold beer and spirits were readily paid. The Excise Commissioners, however, seem to have set deliberately to work to prevent the peaceful operation of the law as passed at Albany, and, by the exercise of extraordinary powers and the display of a very arbitrary spirit, to render the act unbearable and inoperative. If they were in the direct interest of the saloon keepers they could not do more to upset the present Excise law than they have already done by their indiscreet and oppressive action. They have treated a large and influential class of business men as little better than convicted felons, and have appeared to take it for granted that every man who sells liquor is a confirmed violator of law and order. No person can apply to the Commissioners for a license without feeling as if he were a crimi nal, doing a lawless act, and the conditions imposed upon him by their regulations are calculated to degrade him and to convict him on his own admission, as it were, of being an un-

trustworthy and dishonorable man.

The popular indignation excited by the course of the Commissioners may be gathered from the articles from Wilkes' Spirit of the Times, which are published as an advertisement in to-day's HERALD. They foreshed the course determined upon by the liquor des ers of the city, and their suggestions will a doubt be acted upon generally by that class of citizens, and will greatly embarrass a bly totally stop the operation of the law. It is proposed that dealers conform to the letter of the law as passed by the Legislature, paying no heed whatever to the regulations made by the Excise Commissioners under their assum legislative power, and then proceed to sell liquor with a license, if one be granted them-without it, if it be refused. If any a rests should be made by the police, the part arrested is counselled to make no oppo but to give bail, which will be supplied by the Liquor Dealers' Association, and demand jury trial. It is claimed—and we have a doubt on good foundation—that no jury in this city will convict a person who has be to conform to the requirements of the law, cause he has refused to obey the oppressive orders and regulations of the Comm

The republicans made themselves ridiculous when they passed this partial Excise law putting New York and Brooklyn under pain and penalties not imposed on the rest of State, and supposed that they could make political capital in these democratic strong holds out of it. Governor Fenton made him self ridiculous when he approved such special and oppressive legislation. The Excise Comners have made themselves more ridioulous than all, by adding to the law, already unjust and offensive enough, a set of arbitrary rules and regulations suited to their peculiar autocratic views. Altogether they have made a nice muddle of the business, and, without put-ting a stop to the vice of intoxication, have only succeeded in denying to our German and other citizens an opportunity to enjoy themselves on the sole holiday they have during the week, and in branding a numerous, wealth; and respectable class of business men as confirmed rowdies and law-breakers.

Amusements of the Senson. After a long, long winter, tardy spring is

almost overtaken by summer, and the opening season of outdoor amusements sudde bursts upon us. The Spring Race Meeting of the Passaic County Agricultural Society will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thurs-day, the 4th, 5th and 6th of June. and this is but one of a long series of exciting contests of the turf. Racing and trotting are to be the order of the day wherever there is a course on a track. The impulse given to American yachting by the famous ocean race of last December will lead to extraordinary interest in the summer regattas and races of the New York Yacht Club and of the increasing number of yacht clubs which sail in its wake Our inland lakes, as well as the waters off the Atlantic coast, and the ocean itself, will witness more than one yacht race during this season. Aquatic sports seem to have the preference in public favor. Launches of new yachts, both sailing yachts and steam yachts are of almost daily occurrence. The member of the rival college boat clubs are in training for their summer campaign. The Amateur Boat Association is more active than ever. Men of all classes are learning to be oarsmen, and a clergyman in one of the pretty towns on the Hudson proposes to row hundre of miles on the Connecticut river. Please parties are forming for voyages to Europe, and even to the Holy Land. The young midshire men of the Naval School at Annapolis will take their usual summer cruise about the middle June, in the Macedonian, the Dale and the Savannah. Cape May, as a principal rendezvous for yachts, will probably bear off the palm from the other watering places. But there will be no lack of visitors either at Newport, Saratoga, Sharon or Long Branch. Base ball, cricket, bowling and cil sorts of athletic exercises, from sparting to orouset nlaylog.